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1. The headquarters of the DOSAAF organization for the Latvian SSR is located in Riga, No. 3 Valnu Street, and the headquarters of the naval, army, and air force sections of DOSAAF are at the same address.
2. The naval section for the town of Riga is located at No. 10 Lenina Street (formerly Brivibas Street).
3. Following are some of the addresses of the army sections of DOSAAF in Riga:
 - a. For the Riga area: No. 24 Lacpleša Street.
 - b. For the city of Riga: No. 56 Dzirnau Street.
 - c. For the city of Riga, Kirov Rayon: No. 23/25 Terbatas Street.
 - d. For the city of Riga, Lenin Rayon: No. 31 Slokas Street.
 - e. For the city of Riga, Molotov Rayon: No. 80 Suvorova Street (formerly Marizas Street).
 - f. For the city of Riga, Sarkanarmijas Rayon: No. 21 Nometnu Street.
 - g. For the city of Riga, Moscow Rayon: No. 161 Lacpleša Street.
 - h. For the city of Riga, Proletariessu Rayon: No. 75 Lenina Street.
 - i. For the city of Riga, Stalin Rayon: No. 6 Mednieku Street.
4. Youths in the Latvian SSR from the age of 14, male or female (in the case of the former, until they are called up), may train for military service on a voluntary basis in one of the DOSAAF sections.
5. Young people may join the DOSAAF either through their schools or places of employment, or by going direct to one of the DOSAAF offices.
6. Membership in the DOSAAF is open to the following (except for (a.) below, the requirements are the same for membership in the Komsomol):
 - a. Members of the Komsomol.

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- b. Young people who are sympathetic to Communist ideas and whose family background conforms to one of the following requirements:
- 1.) Those whose parents either belong to the Communist Party or are actively helping to establish the Communist regime.
 - 2.) Those whose parents have, from a Communist point of view, a clean past; that is, if they are non-bourgeois and with no anti-Communist leanings or record.
 - 3.) Those who are orphans, or children who have left their parents and are being brought up in Communist institutions such as children's homes or educational establishments.
7. Young people who may themselves be willing to join, but whose parents or close relatives, such as a brother or sister, have been deported or have been active against the Communist regime, are not accepted by the Komsomol or DOSAAF.
 8. The main subjects of DOSAAF army training are infantry drill, firing practice with light infantry weapons, sniping, camouflage, basic infantry tactics in attack, defense, and reconnaissance. After completing these courses, youths later joining the army are given preference as instructors and even for attending officers' schools.
 9. The air section of DOSAAF is divided into the following three sections: power-driven aircraft, gliders, and paratroop. Trainees in the power-driven aircraft section complete the course when they are able to pass the solo test on a training aircraft; the same principle also applies to those in the glider section. Paratroop training is completed after the trainee has completed seven jumps from an aircraft from various heights, some of the jumps being made with full paratroop equipment.
 10. The naval section of DOSAAF gives instruction with models of warships and basic instruction on navigation. After completing the course, the trainees become candidates for service in the Soviet Navy.
 11. The number of DOSAAF trainees is estimated to be 4,000 to 5,000 in all of the Latvian SSR, and most of them are believed to be in Riga.
 12. The membership of the Komsomol in all of the Latvian SSR is approximately 90,000, of whom it is estimated that 30,000 to 40,000 are Latvians, and the remainder are other Soviet nationals living in Latvia.
 13. There are approximately 40,000 young people working in factories in Riga and other State undertakings, and of these some 10,000 belong to the Komsomol. In educational establishments the proportion is approximately the same, and some twenty-five percent of the students belong to the Komsomol.

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